

MINUTES
MUNCIE COMMON COUNCIL
300 NORTH HIGH STREET
MUNCIE INDIANA

OCTOBER 6, 2014

REGULAR MEETING: 7:30 P.M., 1ST FLOOR CITY HALL AUDITORIUM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Councilperson Alison Quirk.

INVOCATION: Given by Pastor Rick Monroe from the Safe Harbor Apostle Church from Cowan, Indiana.

CITIZEN RECOGNITION: President Anderson welcomes Mayor Dennis Tyler to introduce the 15th President of Ball State University.

Mayor Dennis Tyler states President Paul Ferguson and his wife Grace are present this evening. They have been here for a few months getting acquainted with everyone. He and his wife had the opportunity to go out to Ball State University and participate in the community campus coalition and had a great time with President Ferguson and his wife.

Ball State President Paul Ferguson states it has been such a pleasure to be here for just three months in Muncie. The welcome they have had is so indicative of Hoosier welcome and Hoosier hospitality. They are grateful for the partnership with the Mayor. They have inherited a remarkable partnership between the city and the university. In four years they will be celebrating their 100th year anniversary. Their challenge that the Mayor and he have is a partnership and working with each councilperson in every way and take it to the next level. Their goal is to be recognized as the most student centered and community engaged of the public research universities and that means they will continue to educate excellent students and help them achieve their success and greater access. Also reaffirm and reengage in their commitment to the community in which they live and look at new ways to create that positive forward in economic development and community engagement. He has always wanted to as a President to figure out ways the University and the community wins. The village project is certainly a great example of that. They will figure ways to enhance that and look at news ways of economic development that fits in the economic development agenda for the City of Muncie. The Mayor has challenged him to a number of unusual activities that he will not define as community engagement. One is modeling new clothes. They are proud to be here and look forward to a great partnership together.

ROLL CALL:	PRESENT	ABSNET
Doug Marshall	X	
Mark Contaser	X	
Brad Polk	X	
Mary Jo Barton	X	

Jerry D. Dishman	X
Julius J. Anderson	X
Alison Quirk	X
Linda Gregory	X
Nora Powell	X

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Polk and seconded by Marshall to approve minutes from September 8th and also the regular meeting from September 8th. A roll call vote showed 9 yeas and 0 nays. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: President Anderson introduces Nancy Norris from the Academy of Community Leadership and her class. Nancy Norris states this is the 60th class of the Academy for Community Leadership. It hasn't been 60 years but 34 years. This is collaboration with Ball State University and the Muncie Delaware County Chamber of Commerce. They are happy to be here tonight to see how everything operates.

ORDINANCES PREVIOUSLY INTRODUCED:

ORD. 24-14 AN ORDINANCE FOR APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATES FOR THE YEAR 2015. (MITS).

A motion was made by Barton and seconded by Marshall to Adopt. Barton questions the bus doesn't run on Sunday anymore. Rebecca Meadows states they never had Sunday service. Barton asks if there is a possibility if that can happen because she has had a lot of phone calls about Sunday bus service. Meadows states it's a financial issue and it costs money to run them on Sunday. Everyone's belt has been tightened and there is no money.

Rick Yencer 3100 N. 500 W. states he has business and property interest in Muncie. He states they were present two weeks ago when this was introduced. There is a great community of people with disabilities in age that need this service on Sunday. Not only to go to church and see family but to go to work and also have that freedom. If this bus company is spending \$7 million a year and give away free Ipads and gift cards they have the money for Sunday bus. Barton asks if they are giving away free ipads. Meadows states it was a marketing campaign and isn't sure because the marketing person handled it. Barton asks if she could find out about possible Sunday service. Meadows states they have a board meeting on this coming Thursday and she will ask it be put on the agenda. Question called. A roll call vote showed 9 yeas and 0 nays. ADOPTED.

ORD. 25-14 AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE MAXIMUM SALARIES OF EACH AND EVERY MEMBER OF THE MUNCIE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF MUNCIE, INDIANA FOR THE YEAR 2015.

A motion was made by Barton and seconded by Powell to Adopt.

Controller Audrey Jones states all the salary ordinances are the same as last year. The only change will be the court. Question called. A roll call vote showed 9 yeas and 0 nays. ADOPTED.

ORD. 26-14 AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARY FOR THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MUNCIE, INDIANA FOR THE YEAR 2015.

A motion was made by Barton and seconded by Polk to Adopt. Question called. A roll call vote showed 9 yeas and 0 nays. ADOPTED.

ORD. 27-14 AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE MAXIMUM SALARIES OF EACH AND EVERY APPOINTED OFFICER, EMPLOYEE, DEPUTY, ASSISTANT, DEPARTMENTAL AND INSTITUTIONAL HEAD OF THE CITY OF MUNCIE, INDIANA, INCLUDED HEREIN FOR THE YEAR 2015.

A motion was made by Barton and seconded by Powell to Adopt.

Controller Audrey Jones states this is the only one that changed. The Probation Officer salary is mandated by the state and it has to be changed to what the state law requires. Barton asks what the difference is with the Probation Officer. Jones didn't have it with her but provided it to the council as far as what the state law says. Question called. A roll call vote showed 9 yeas and 0 nays. ADOPTED.

ORD. 28-14 AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARY FOR THE CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF MUNCIE, INDIANA FOR THE YEAR 2015.

A motion was made by Barton and seconded by Powell to Adopt. Question called. A roll call vote showed 9 yeas and 0 nays. ADOPTED.

ORD. 29-14 AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE MAXIMUM SALARIES OF EACH AND EVERY MEMBER OF THE MUNCIE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF MUNCIE INDIANA FOR THE YEAR 2015.

A motion was made by Barton and seconded by Polk to Adopt as Amended.

Question called. A roll call vote showed 8 yeas and 1 abstain. (Powell). ADOPTED.

ORD. 30-14 AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARY FOR THE CITY JUDGE OF THE CITY OF MUNCIE, INDIANA FOR THE YEAR 2015.

A motion was made by Barton and seconded by Polk to Adopt. Question called. A roll call vote showed 9 yeas and 0 nays. ADOPTED.

ORD. 31-14 AN ORDINANCE FOR APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATES FOR THE YEAR 2015. (CITY OF MUNCIE BUDGET).

A motion was made by Barton and seconded by Polk to Adopt.

Finance Chairperson Nora Powell reads the recommendations for the budget cuts in the form of a motion, which are attached to the minutes. The motion is seconded by Marshall to Amend. A roll call vote showed 9 yeas and 0 nays. AMENDED. A motion was made by Powell and seconded by Marshall to Adopt as Amended. Controller Audrey Jones is present for any questions. Polk commends the Controller for being able to cut \$1.47 million dollars out of the budget for health insurance. Jones states they are still working with the Health Insurance to try and make a few more cuts and

offer some different plans to reduce it a little more. At this time this is all the agent has given them. Powell thanks Jones for her help in the budget process and commends the department heads that came prepared to the budget hearing. They are being very responsible with the money they have been entrusted with. Question called. A roll call vote showed 9 yeas and 0 nays. ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

ORD. 32-14 AN ORDINANCE FOR APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATES FOR THE YEAR 2015. (MUNCIE SANITARY DISTRICT).

A motion was made by Barton and seconded by Polk to Adopt. Barton asks if the budget is the same as last year. Irvin states there is a raise in Health Care and Safety Equipment. Question called. A roll call vote showed 9 yeas and 0 nays. ADOPTED.

ORD. 33-14 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MUNCIE, INDIANA APPROVING A LEASE BETWEEN MUNCIE'S EDIT BUILDING CORPORATION AND THE CITY OF MUNCIE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION APPROVING A REVENUE DEPOSIT AGREEMENT AND ADDRESSING MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

A motion was made by Barton and seconded by Marshall to adopt. Marshall makes an amendment to the ordinance. He states under Section 1 after code 36-7-14-25.2 needs to add the lease shall be for a maximum term not to exceed twenty-five (25) years; maximum annual lease rental for the lease shall not exceed 8% per annum, the Bonds payable from the lease shall be subject to redemption before maturity and shall provide for capitalized interest as set forth in the Trust Indenture relating to the Bonds. The motion is seconded by Quirk. A roll call vote showed 9 yeas and 0 nays. A motion was made by Marshall and seconded by Conatser to adopt as amended. A roll call vote showed 7 yeas and 2 nays. (Polk and Gregory). ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

ORD. 34-14 AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MUNCIE, INDIANA AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF ITS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2014 (HORIZON CENTER GARAGE PROJECT) AND APPROVING OTHER ACTIONS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

A motion was made by Barton and seconded by Marshall to Adopt. Joann McKinney states they have been without an adjacent hotel since 2006. They have experienced a significance decrease in their overnight convention business since then. The downtown retailers have experienced a 20% to 30% decrease in their sales and revenue when the previous hotel closed. HVS is the group that did a feasibility study for the ARC of Indiana and in it they projected a 32.5% increase in the meeting and group market business. They bid on two events for 2016 they have received contracts for based upon the hotel and an adjacent parking garage. They will be hosting the Indiana Association of Insurance Professionals in April 2016. The Kiwanis Indiana District Key Club Group in March of 2016. Business is rolling in. If you build it they will come. People have made commitments now that they have a place to put them. She appreciates the council support in the efforts that go forward in this project. Question called. A roll call vote showed 7 yeas and 2 nays. (Polk and Gregory). ADOPTED.

ORD. 35-14 AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MUNCIE, INDIANA, FOR THE YEAR 2015.

A motion was made by Barton and seconded by Marshall to Adopt.

Quirk states this is with no raises. Question called. A roll call vote showed 9 yeas and 0 nays. ADOPTED.

NEW ORDINANCES:

ORD. 36-14 AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE CERTAIN RIGHT OF WAYS IN THE CITY OF MUNCIE, DELAWARE COUNTY, INDIANA. (EDIT BUILDING CORPORATION).

A motion was made by Barton and seconded by Marshall to Introduce.

Muncie Redevelopment Commission Todd Donati states this is a strip of land. He states when they originally came up for the Horizon Convention Center to vacate some of the right of way they did not get the triangle piece of land on the southeast corner of the building. In order to make everything legal they need to make sure it gets vacated. They have also noticed the publication for a hearing request as stipulated. Gregory asks why this piece was missed and by whom. Donati states when everything was going through the process and they were writing up the new survey and plats it just got left off. It was such a small piece no one recognized it. Gregory asks if this has caused a delay. Donati states not whatsoever. They are going through the proper channels to make sure it is vacated to the Edit Building Corporation so there are no future delays. Polk states the top part it states 60, 61 and 62 and the next paragraph it just has 60 and on the map it looks like 60. Donati states that was all taken care of originally. Question called. A vote by acclamation showed 9 yeas and 0 nays. INTRODUCED.

ORD. 37-14 AN ORDINANCE OF COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MUNCIE, INDIANA AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF ITS TAXABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT ANTICIPATION NOTES, SERIES 2014 (ARC HOTEL PROJECT) AND APPROVING OTHER ACTIONS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

A motion was made by Barton and seconded by Marshall to suspend the rules to consider. A roll call vote showed 9 yeas and 0 nays. RULES SUSPENDED. A motion was made by Barton and seconded by Marshall to Introduce.

Business Manager of the IBEW Local 855 Electrical Workers and secretary of the East Center Indiana Building Trades Kevin Cope 3541 W. Johnson Circle states he is a resident and taxpayer of Muncie and Delaware County and represents about 175 electricians in the Muncie and immediate East Central Area. East Central Indiana Building and Construction Trades Council represent over 2,000 workers across all the construction crafts throughout Muncie and the immediate East Central Indiana area. He wants to extend the support and recommendations from all of the local building trade organizations for the upcoming projects. The Electrical Workers and Building Trades stand in support of any and all bond issuances in regards to the ARC Organization and the Hotel project, as well as in support of their local resident crafts persons, families and the greater Muncie Community. The approximate \$40 million dollar investment will represent over 300,000 man hours worked and over \$7 million dollars in wages paid to the workers on the projects. The Building Trades Council anticipates 75% of these

workers being Delaware County residents and 25% residing in the immediate East Central Indiana area. Even the wages paid on these projects to the non-Delaware County workers will stay within Muncie's tax base infusing our local economy and adding value to the projects far beyond these base numbers. The Local Builds Trades members appreciate the support of the council and seeing the projects move forward so the middle class will continue its recovery here in Delaware County. From a personal perspective as building trade leaders they travel around the state to different cities for their building trade state convention. They have pledged to bring business to the hotel and further infuse that and hope to book the hotel out for the better of a week in 2018 for the Indiana State Building Trades Convention. As a resident of Muncie and the workers he represents, they are extremely proud to be able to bring events like this to Muncie. In the past they have never been able to but with having the Hotel space and the Convention Center all in one they can do so. Quirk states they would love to have their business. Quirk states the Hotel is much more than a Hotel. They are all excited about ARC and ARC Innovations. The ripple affect it will have on their community and being able to employ people and have an impact on their downtown and that is what they all are looking forward to.

Dishman thanks Cope for employing local people because it is an important thing because the local people need all the help they can get. Serving as Bond Council to the City with this transaction Jeremy Allum states the ARC Innovations is affiliated with the ARC of Indiana, which is a non-profit organization. Their intent is to fund the Hotel with receipts of grants, donations, etc. Certain advisors of the City have worked with the ARC to review those potential grants that process they are undertaking have a high level of confidence and their ability to make good on that. Those grants don't come in until next week. A lot of those come in over time. A lot are committed on various cycles. Although it is their anticipation to raise all the money to fund the hotel in the next 3 to 5 years and be debt free there is a gap in time there. There is a gap in time to fund the construction and get up and running. They have come to the City and the Redevelopment Commission have considered in stepping in that timing gap. The way the City might step into that gap is to provide through the Muncie Redevelopment Commission the ability to make payments only should those donations not come in on time and be delayed or other revenues associated with the hotel that are not timely. No one expects that to happen. This financing that has been assembled is an issuance of granted anticipation notes being issued in anticipation of those grant proceeds. It is payable from the proceeds of a lease, which is the second ordinance, with the Muncie Redevelopment Commission and ARC Innovations. That lease is payable from those grant receipts. Every dollar of grant receipts that come in will be used to make lease payments and or reduce the outstanding debt. It is payable also from revenues from the hotel when their up and running. It is payable from reserve funds that will be established when the financing closes. There will be a reserve funded for two years with interest of expense and will get the project through construction phase and get it up and running. There will also be a year's of reserve kept at all times. In the event all of those sources are insufficient the Redevelopment Commission will step in and make those payments. The Redevelopment Commission is a co-tenant of the lease along with the ARC Innovations. Should that happen the ARC Innovations is obligated to

reimburse the Redevelopment Commission from future proceeds from hotel revenue. Should they not be able to do so than the Muncie Redevelopment Commission will have rights to the property? They have a situation where they have a project that is being developed by an organization with a long successful track record of raising funds for projects but they have this tiny gap. This requires approval from the City Council approving the issuances of the notes and approving the entry of the Redevelopment Commission into that lease.

Executive Director of ARC Innovations Kim Dotson appreciates the ordinances being considered. The ARC was started in 1956 by a group of families who demanded more for their children with disabilities. They ignored the advice of their Doctor's who said to put their children in institutions and go ahead and live their life. The ARC pioneers kept their children at home and were determined to find opportunities for their children to live, work, play and learn in the communities around Indiana. Today the ARC is a leading advocacy organization for people of intellectual and other developmental disabilities not only in the State of Indiana but at the national level. Twenty five years ago they started the first pool trust for people with disabilities and they now have over \$52 million dollars on deposit they manage for people with disabilities to have a higher quality of life. They come to the table to talk about problems and offer solutions and make changes. Their goal is to make opportunities for people with disabilities to gain independence and lessen their reliance on government services. In 2011 the ARC became frustrated at the state's lack of employment opportunities and post-secondary options for people with disabilities. The unemployment rate for people with disabilities has hovered around 80% for nearly a decade. It was a key volunteer with the ARC that challenged them to make opportunities for people with disabilities to learn job skills and have options for post-secondary and vocational learning. Some facts led them to the creation of the training institute and teaching hotel is: In absence of the employment people with disabilities are forced to seek government assistance. People with disabilities have been proven to be good employees, take pride in their work, work hard and are reliable. Hospitality is the fastest growing industry adding one new job every 2.5 seconds. People with disabilities are successful in learning and maintaining skills important to the hospitality and food service industry. The primary goal of the ARC's training institute and teaching Hotel is to provide post-secondary training opportunities that will successfully train people with disabilities in the hospitality and food service industry resulting in their employment. The project will train and employ people with disabilities throughout the hotel and restaurant in various capacities. The hotel will create entrepreneur opportunities that are owned and operated by people with disabilities. The training institute will teach people with disabilities best practices in hospitality and the food services industry and provide them with hands on work experience which will aide in their success. They will earn a workforce credential that will be recognized by the hospitality and restaurant industry throughout the state so they will be able to take that credential back to their community and get access to jobs. The training institute will create training programs from Human Resource professionals on the benefits of hiring people with disabilities and make commendations when necessary. The institute will train approximately 150 people with disabilities per year that will be able to go back to local communities and get jobs. The hotel will be a 150 room courtyard by Marriott and

will encompass the Three Wise Men restaurant. This is a hotel that is designed to serve the conference and convention business that the convention center once had. This past April Governor Mike Pence joined them at the convention center. It was then he pledged his support and commitment in this project. It was because of the reputation of the ARC of Indiana and all the good this project stands for and the state stepped up and invested the first \$5 million dollars. They have a clear fund raising plan that will allow them meet their goal no longer than year 5 of operations. They have secured over \$7 million dollars. They have another \$1 million expected in November and another \$10 million expected by January 31st. The economic impact of this project is very strong. The hotel alone will add \$3.3 million output of sales impact in the county. The hotel will create \$189,000 of indirect taxes in the county. The hotel alone will result roughly \$3.4 million in economic activity in the county each year of operation. The hotel and restaurant will create 129 jobs resulting in an annual payroll of \$1.2 million dollars. Indiana will see the benefit of \$1.5 million dollars in property taxes from the project over the first five years. The estimated 150 graduates of the training institute will save the state over \$5 million dollars over the first five years through less dependent on government assistance. Powell states this is exciting. She is an occupation therapist and she works with people with disabilities to help them reach their maximum potential. She is grateful they are here and commitment for Muncie and collaboration with the administration to improve quality of life and quality of place in their community. This is so needed and it is getting a lot of attention. It is something their community can be proud of. Barton thanks Dotson for her input and thanks everyone involved. She is glad it is starting here in Muncie, Indiana.

CEO from Hillcroft Services Debbie Bennett 114 East Streeter Avenue states Hillcroft's mission is to provide innovative services and support to people with disabilities and their families resulting in extraordinary differences in people's lives. She states within their mission is the provision of innovated services and believes is what the ARC and the City of Muncie are attempting to accomplish screams innovation at its best. Some of Hillcroft's consumers will be afforded the opportunity to for take in this wonderful partnership. We know who the players are and will be waiting in line for their clients to take advantage of this benefit. This project is cutting edge and there is none like it in the nation. By supporting the bond for the ARC Teaching Hotel, this community will not only take the steps necessary to ensure this project happens but it will be taking leaps in this nation by setting an example for other cities to follow in the future. They will show there are innovative ways to provide support for their citizens that are also a financial benefit to their community. This project will be a much needed improvement to the downtown area and to the Horizon Convention Center making it much more attractive when exploring venues for seminars and conventions in the future. She asks the council to vote in favor of the project.

Jeff Huffman states they are here tonight because of a 13 year old boy. He states 13 years ago he was born with down syndrome and he lucked out with a mom and dad who grew up in Delaware County who learned their lessons in life and the work ethics from his mom working for her dad and from his dad working for his dad at Noble Romans pizza. 3 ½ years ago when they started the blue print for change for the ARC

of Indiana, his wife is on the board and he and his wife serve on the fundraising committee, which has raised almost \$9 million dollars. They will have the bond paid off within 5 years. That has always been the goal and will continue to be the goal. He graduated from Yorktown and his wife went to Delta. They left Delaware County and they wanted to come back and do something to give back to the community. When he was doing the blue print for change he came up with this ideal the City of Muncie needs a hotel downtown and they needed to work with Ball State and Ivy Tech to create post-secondary education opportunities for people with disabilities in Indiana. That comes from standpoint where a gentleman with a 3 ½ year old at the time when to a national conference and he went to a post-secondary education conference. They put up a map of the United States and there were post-secondary education opportunities all over the country for people with disabilities with the exception of the State of Indiana. He stated something had to change. It's very interesting to listen to the discussion of a dream being close to becoming a reality in his home town and it's going to be great. Hotels are nice but when you're training and offering the opportunity for education and employment for people with disabilities. There are 52 million people in the United States like Nash that have a diagnosed disability. If you look at those 52 million people their family and business associates it is a 1 trillion dollar a year market segment in the United States of America. Not only will people come to stay at the hotel, Muncie will become a retirement destination. Families that will bring their loved ones to go through the training program that ultimately may land a job at the hotel or Ball Hospital will move to the City of Muncie. The City of Muncie has seen great days and has seen tough days. Ball State can be prepared for some of the best professors in the country that happen to have a family member with a disability to look for a job at Ball State. He states Ball Hospital can look at the greatest surgeons in the Country that happen to have a job with a disability may move to Muncie. The economic development goes far beyond what anyone is going to talk about in the charts and graphs in this project. The council should be commended for getting this far with this project. Quirk thanks Huffman for not giving up or not accepting no for an answer. Quirk states she believes in this wholeheartedly. There are a great number of great opportunities ahead of them. Huffman states everyone on the council knows one thing and that is the Delaware County folks have a hard time saying no to a good ideal. Anderson asks if Huffman and his co-chair states they promised \$10 million. Huffman states they are going way past \$10 million. One of the things that are important is the financials on this project work even with that service but the mission they want to accomplish not only with the training center but expand education opportunities at Ivy Tech and Ball State. That training portion will need a lot of money to be able to make that work. They hope to be able to reduce that service to nothing so they can drive the profits up and pay a bunch of taxes on those profits and take the rest and drive it into those training programs. He states he will be in Des moine, Iowa talking about this project on November 1st. He will be talking to people in the rehabilitation and training sessions talking about Muncie, Indiana.

Jack Neal 12200 N. Co. Rd. 500 N. states he is the President of the East Central Indiana Trades. Of course they want this project done. He states he and his wife have a Special Needs autistic daughter. He had an opportunity to talk to Kim Dotson and she

had him in 30 seconds wholeheartedly. He states if this is something that can happen in Muncie, Indiana across the state and the country this will happen. This is something they have to do and ask the council to support it. Question called. A vote by acclamation showed 9 yeas and 0 nays. INTRODUCED.

ORD. 38-14 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MUNCIE, INDIANA APPROVING A LEASE MOND THE ARC BUILDING CORPORATION, ARC INNOVATIONS, INC., AND THE CITY OF MUNCIE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND ADDRESS MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

A motion was made by Quirk and seconded by Marshall to Suspend the Rules to consider. A roll call vote showed 9 yeas and 0 nays. MOTION CARRIED. A motion was made by Quirk and seconded by Powell to Introduce. Marshall states he is proud to be on the council to get this monumental task accomplished. He thinks it's an honor and thanks the administration for all their hard work and Arc of Indiana. Question called. A vote by acclamation showed 9 yeas and 0 nays. INTRODUCED.

RESOLUTION:

RES. 10-14 A RESOLUTION MAKING TRANSFERS WITHIN BEECH GROVE DEPARTMENT.

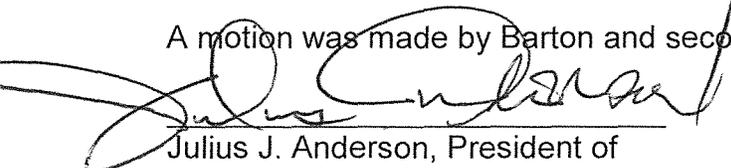
A motion was made by Powell and seconded by Marshall to remove from the table. Controller Audrey Jones states in the last line item she put \$1,000 and it should be \$1,500 so the transfer equal. It is for the raise the secretary received this year and they needed enough money for the raise and the appropriation. A roll call vote showed 9 yeas and 0 nays. A motion was made by Powell and seconded by Marshall to amend the transfer from \$1,000 to \$1,500. A roll call vote showed 9 yeas and 0 nays. AMENDED. A motion was made by Powell and seconded by Marshall to Adopt as Amended. A roll call vote showed 9 yeas and 0 nays. ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

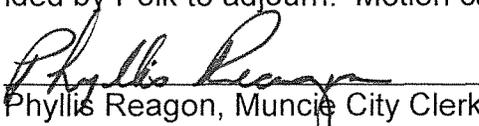
RES. 18-14 A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MUNCIE, INDIANA TERMINATING THE TAX ABATEMENT AUTHORIZED BY RESOLUTION 11-08.

A motion was made by Barton and seconded by Powell to Adopt. Hunter states he has spoken with Mr. Concannon and Mrs. Drumm. He states the line item that says current number of employees states 32. There is another line item that states additional employees and it states 63. Hunter had a discussion with Drum and those two numbers are together. Hunter states at the time they filed the abatement there were 95 employees and not 32. The number of employees estimated on the statement of benefits when they received the abatement was 148 so they are still somewhat short. This has been clarified a little bit. Mrs. Drumm apologized for the misunderstanding about the meeting. She was out of state and the Concannon's were dealing with medical issues. They tried to call the city and were directed to Joe Hunter but he didn't get their messages until after the meeting took place. One thing she wanted to address is the number, which were they showed 32 Walnut Street employees and 63 Baker Lane employees for a total of 95. They also wanted to bring up the abatement wasn't beneficial for them anymore because of the way the property tax caps work it's not

beneficial any longer but more like four or five. They debated filing the abatement forms but wanted to follow the process. They wanted to ensure every penny saved was reinvested in this county. She states they continue to grow and upgrade their real estate and equipment at both locations. At their recent payroll they had 107 employees and have created new management positions and their payroll is higher than it's ever been. They now offer increase benefits and health insurance and their payroll has been over \$8 million dollars since they opened the Northside store. She thanks the council for everything they have done for Concannon's and they want to be good business citizens for a long time. Mike Concannon states these abatements help small business quite a bit. The employee number is 107. He states last week they had over 3,500 hours of labor. There are a lot of people working 30 hours plus and some worked 60 hours and they do get overtime. It's a pretty big operation they have. The money they saved on taxes was appreciated very much and it was just for the improvement part of the business and not the property. They still paid a significant amount of property taxes. During this last year they invested in over \$100,000.00 in equipment on Walnut Street, which generates more money for the county. He is available for any questions. Powell thanks Mr. Concannon for his business in Muncie. When they had their class reunion there were two places people wanted to go to and that was Pizza King and Concannon's. Mr. Concannon states when his dad retired in 1998 he had 17 employees and they have grown quite a bit. When he moved on he provided more full time jobs. Powell states as a councilmember she appreciates his incite on the abatement. Concannon states they are here to stay and grow. There are a lot of things happening in Muncie right now. Marshall asks if he plans on keeping this. Concannon states there isn't a benefit of the abatement. It's calculated off the tax rate for their district which is almost 5%. This coming year they paid the abated tax rate of \$24,000. The maximum allowable tax rate is a little over \$21,000. The first couple of years it does help you out. After five years there is no benefit at all. Marshall asks if he was ok with the abatement being terminated. Concannon stated that he had no problem with it being terminated. Quirk thanks Mr. Concannon for coming and she stated there must have been an error on the CF-1 form and thanks him for coming and hopes it doesn't create too much negativity for him. Quirk states on her behalf they have to answer to the public and they didn't have the right information so that is why they followed through with this process. Quirk thanks him for coming in and can see he takes good care of his properties. Hunter states there a couple of things to do. They have the option of whether or not they want to go through the abatement process. If the CF-1 isn't filed than that abatement never gets processed. They could vote for it and that will terminate the abatement right now. Quirk states she doesn't want to cause him any more negative publicity. Hunter states that since councilperson Dishman signed off on it he can with draw it. Councilperson Jerry Dishman withdraws the Res. 18-14.

A motion was made by Barton and seconded by Polk to adjourn. Motion carried.


Julius J. Anderson, President of
The Muncie Common Council


Phyllis Reagon, Muncie City Clerk
of the Muncie Common Council